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12/09/2010 09:32 PM

To comments-southern-francismarion-sumter@fs.fed.us
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Subject NO new Chattooga decision

Dear People-

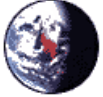
You guys are infuriating! Why can't you stick to our guns on your decision. PaulBradley says he wants to expand boating to "allow for boating opportunities above S.C. Highway 28". **STOP! DON'T DO IT!**

There was **ALREADY** a compromise with boaters, and that was made some years ago. More recently American Whitewater started a lawsuit and you responded by having the studies and hearings, and you reached another compromise in 2009. But clearly you are buckling under their pressure, and the only result is to buckle further to their pressure. If you were starting over, then it would mean things could go either way. But with the American Whitewater side applying the pressure it's clear you want to make them happier, and give more ground to that narrow special interest group. What about us common folks who don't have lobbyists and lawyers? How about the wild lands that also lack the same?

It is clear that the big money lawyers behind American Whitewater will keep spending money in lawsuits and will not be happy with anything less than total victory.

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Subject Re: Recreation Uses on Upper Chattooga River

History:

 This message has been replied to.

Sirs,

After typing in the exact website address for getting more information than this brief announcement provided, i received no website activation (it was inoperable).

Please advise HOW or WHEN it will operate.

Jim Whitehurst

comments-southern-francismarion-sumter


Sent by: Mary W
Morrison/R8/USDAFS

12/10/2010 07:26 AM

To Jmwhitehurst@aol.com

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Subject Re: Recreation Uses on Upper Chattooga River 

Dear Mr. Whitehurst,

I just checked the FMS website and the link is working fine. you can copy and paste the following linking into your web browser to learn more about the scoping letter.
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/sumter/resources/Chattooga.php>.

Perhaps the system was overloaded with the first day of scoping. If you have any additional problems, I will be monitoring this inbox.

Mary Morrison

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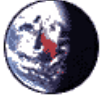
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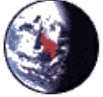
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Subject comments

I am a physician who has enjoyed paddling the chattooga for 15 years. First, I think the perpetual delays in opening the headwaters to boating and moving the process forward are disgraceful. The forest service should be ashamed of how it has handled the process.

Second, the proposed solution to incorporate boating is not fair, not based on factual evidence from the prior studies, and frankly stupid. It is quite simple. When nature determines that the water is high, boating is feasible and will be performed. At these water levels, fishing sucks and frankly is dangerous for the fisherman. When nature determines that the water is low, boating is not feasible and will not be performed. At low water levels, fishing is good and safe, so fishing will occur. Take you bearucratic artificial water level rules and throw in the trash where they belong. I recommend not setting levels to determine if boating is allowed or not. Let nature rule the process and give free access to all. See how it goes for 5 years, and readdress any issues that occur at that time.



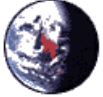
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Subject Use of the Chattooga River

In reference to opening up the upper Chattooga:

I have hiked along the upper reaches of the Chattooga many times. I do not understand the current policy of prohibiting kayakers from this area, and in fact was surprised to find out that kayakers are not allowed access into the area, but campers and fishermen are allowed unbridled access to primitive camping opportunities. The stretch of river east of Burrell's Ford is under high use, and in certain places, campers/fishermen have denuded the riparian zone. I have seen signs that say "camping closed" but the signs are largely ignored. Evidence of human and dog waste is along the river trail in these high use camping areas. In my opinion, this activity poses a negative impact on water quality. I do not see where allowing kayakers into the upper reaches would pose any threat that is new or different than what is already there. kayakers and backpackers have a tendency to be very environmentally conscious. We need to promote the recreational use of the Chattooga for kayaking, beginning with a short season of use, and a program for evaluating the impact of use on the river.

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Subject Management of the Upper Chattooga

I am not a scientist, biologist and do not have credentials to make remarks about the management of the Upper Chattooga. With the exception that I am a concerned citizen and environmentalist that feels very strongly that there are areas for a wide assortment of recreational activities in all the national forests. I do not feel that it is necessary, nor should it be allowed, for boating to take place in the upper Chattooga River regions. There are various other areas of rivers and whitewater for this type of activity to take place. It is a shame that individuals and corporations always seem to want more of something that is not necessary or needed. Please allow this area of the Upper Chattooga to be what it has been since 1976. A concerned citizen, Guynelle Robbins



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12/22/2010 08:55 AM

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Subject Hemlock loss

With the loss of the hemlocks along the riparian area of the upper Chattooga river, it is even more important that erosion from accessing the river with boats be avoided.

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